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1 AN ACT
2 RELATING TO OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING REFORM; AMENDING SECTION 67-9403, IDAHO
3 CODE, TO DEFINE A TERM; AND AMENDING CHAPTER 94, TITLE 67, IDAHO CODE, BY
4 THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 67-9408, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR INDI-
5 VIDUALS TO WORK IN APPRENTICESHIPS WHILE FULFILLING LICENSING REQUIRE-
6 MENTS.

7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

8 SECTION 1. That Section 67-9403, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
9 amended to read as follows:

10 67-9403. DEFINITIONS. As used in this chapter:
11 (1) "Apprenticeship" means an on-the-job learning program in an occu-
12 pation that:
13 (a) Involves skills that are customarily learned in a practical way
14 through a structured, systematic program of on-the-job supervised
15 learning;
16 (b) Requires skills that are clearly identified and commonly recog-
17 nized throughout an industry;
18 (c) Involve the progressive attainment of manual, mechanical, or tech-
19 nical skills and knowledge in accordance with the industry standard for
20 on-the-job learning, including time-based or competency-based stan-
21 dards, or a combination of approaches;
22 (d) Requires related instruction to supplement the on-the-job learn-
23 ing; and
24 (e) Results in a nationally-recognized or industry-recognized creden-
25 tial.
26 (2) "Honorable conditions" means an honorable discharge or a general
27 discharge "under honorable conditions."
28 (23) "Licensing authority" means any agency, bureau, commission, de-
29 partment, division, or professional or occupational licensing board charged
30 with granting, suspending, or revoking the license, certificate, registra-
31 tion, permit, or other authorization of any person to practice a profession
32 or occupation, including but not limited to the professional and occupa-
33 tional licensing boards within the department of self-governing agencies.
34 (34) "Licensure" means a license, certificate, registration, permit,
35 or other authorization of any person to practice a profession or occupation.
36 (45) "Military" means the armed forces or reserves of the United
37 States, including the army, navy, marine corps, coast guard, air force, and
38 the reserve components thereof, the national guard of any state, the mili-
39 tary reserves of any state, or the naval militia of any state.
40 (56) "Veteran" means any person who has been discharged or released
41 from active duty in the armed forces under honorable conditions provided the

1 person has served on active duty for a minimum of one hundred eighty (180)
2 consecutive days.

3 SECTION 2. That Chapter 94, Title 67, Idaho Code, be, and the same is
4 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-
5 ignated as Section 67-9408, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

6 67-9408. TREATMENT OF APPRENTICESHIPS FOR LICENSING PURPOSES. (1) A
7 licensing authority shall grant a license to any applicant who has:

8 (a) Completed an apprenticeship in the licensed occupation;

9 (b) Passed the relevant examination, if required by the licensing au-
10 thority; and

11 (c) Paid any applicable fees.

12 (2) A licensing authority shall use the same passing score for exami-
13 nations of applicants under this chapter that are used for applicants under
14 the standard licensing processes. If the relevant licensing authority or
15 statute does not require an examination for the standard licensing process,
16 no examination can be required for applicants who obtain licensure through
17 an apprenticeship.

18 (3) A licensing authority shall use the same licensing fee for appli-
19 cants under this chapter that are used for applicants under the standard li-
20 censing processes. If the relevant licensing authority does not require a
21 fee for the standard licensing process for an occupation, no fee can be re-
22 quired for applicants who obtain licensure through an apprenticeship.

23 (4) A licensing authority shall not establish increased education or
24 training requirements, including increased hour requirements, for appli-
25 cants under this section.

26 (5) Licensing authorities may work with the relevant agencies, such as
27 the state department of education, workforce development council and career
28 technical education division to ensure that apprenticeship opportunities
29 are made available to secondary and post-secondary students.